

# Senate Bill 373

Sponsored by Senator HANSELL, Representative BARRETO (Pre-session filed.)

## SUMMARY

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Requires State Fish and Wildlife Commission to adopt pilot program for urban deer population control.

Requires State Department of Fish and Wildlife to report to Legislative Assembly on implementation of pilot program during 2027 regular session.

Sunset January 1, 2029.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to urban deer population control.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "food bank or other charitable organization" has**  
5 **the meaning given that term in ORS 315.154.**

6 **(2) The State Fish and Wildlife Commission shall develop and adopt by rule a pilot pro-**  
7 **gram for urban deer population control that:**

8 **(a) Allows a city to petition the State Department of Fish and Wildlife for a determi-**  
9 **nation that deer populations within city limits have risen to levels that constitute a public**  
10 **nuisance; and**

11 **(b) In cities where the department determines that deer populations constitute a public**  
12 **nuisance, allows a local government body or an appropriate agent to take deer for the pur-**  
13 **pose of reducing deer population levels within city limits.**

14 **(3) In developing the pilot program under this section, the commission shall consult with:**

15 **(a) The governing bodies of cities where high urban deer populations are a concern; and**

16 **(b) Food banks or other charitable organizations that serve the governing bodies de-**  
17 **scribed in paragraph (a) of this subsection.**

18 **(4) Rules for the pilot program adopted by the commission must include, but need not**  
19 **be limited to:**

20 **(a) Provisions for the means and manner by which deer may be taken under the pilot**  
21 **program, which must include a prohibition on taking deer by dart or lethal injection;**

22 **(b) Provisions for ensuring, to the extent feasible, that the edible portions of any deer**  
23 **taken under the pilot program are distributed, at the expense of the local government, to a**  
24 **local food bank or other charitable organization;**

25 **(c) A requirement that, if the hides and antlers of a deer taken under the program are**  
26 **not sold by the local government to persons licensed under ORS 498.019, that the hides and**  
27 **antlers must be surrendered to the department; and**

28 **(d) Provisions for ensuring that number of deer taken under the pilot program do not**  
29 **exceed the number necessary to be taken to reduce the deer population to a level that no**  
30 **longer constitutes a public nuisance.**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1       (5) Prior to exercising any power granted by the pilot program adopted under this sec-  
2 tion, the governing body of a city shall adopt by ordinance restrictions on placing, depositing,  
3 distributing, storing or scattering food, garbage or any other attractant so as to knowingly  
4 constitute a lure, attractant or enticement for deer.

5       SECTION 2. (1) The State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall first allow a local gov-  
6 ernment to engage in activities pursuant to the pilot program adopted under section 1 of this  
7 2017 Act no later than January 1, 2019.

8       (2) The department shall prepare and submit a report in the manner provided in ORS  
9 192.245 on the implementation of the urban deer population control pilot program, that may  
10 include recommendations for legislation, to the committees of the Legislative Assembly re-  
11 lated to the environment and natural resources during the 2027 regular session of the Leg-  
12 islative Assembly.

13       SECTION 3. Sections 1 and 2 of this 2017 Act are repealed on January 1, 2029.  
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